**AMENDMENT**

Kindly amend the application, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows.

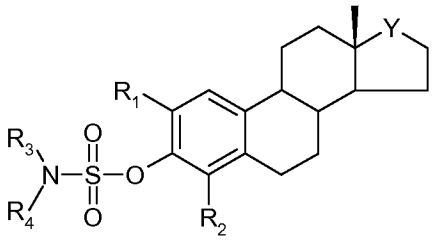
**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly amend the claims, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, to read as follows:

1-66 (Cancelled)

67. (Currently Amended) A method of inhibiting steroid sulphatase activity comprising administering, a non-oestrogenic sulphamate compound suitable for use as an inhibitor of oestrone sulphatase to a patient in need of inhibition of steroid sulphatase activity by a compound lacking oestrogenic activity, wherein the non-oestrogenic sulphamate compound is a sulphamate compound having Formula IV;

Formula IV




wherein

~~X is a sulphamate group;~~

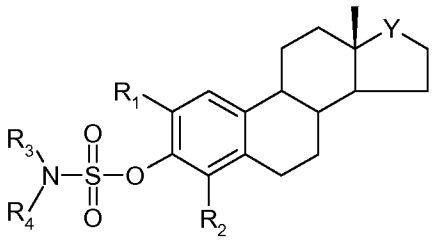
one of $R_1$ and $R_2$ is H and the other of $R_1$ and $R_2$ is a substituent other than H or $R_1$ and $R_2$ may be the same or different but not both being H, wherein the substituent other than H is alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, alkenyl, aryl, substituted alkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, substituted alkenyl, substituted aryl, a nitrogen containing group, a S containing group, or a carboxy containing group;

wherein Y is a suitable linking group comprising one or more of C, O, N, and S; and

each of $R_3$ and $R_4$ is independently selected from H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl and aryl, wherein at least one of $R_3$ and $R_4$ is H.

68. (Currently Amended) A method of treating endocrine-dependent cancer comprising administering non-oestrogenic sulphamate compound suitable for use as an inhibitor of oestrone sulphatase, to a patient in need of treatment of endocrine-dependent cancer by a compound lacking oestrogenic activity, wherein the compound is a sulphamate compound having Formula IV;

Formula IV




wherein

~~X is a sulphamate group;~~

one of $R_1$ and $R_2$ is H and the other of $R_1$ and $R_2$ is a substituent other than H or $R_1$ and $R_2$ may be the same or different but not both being H, wherein the substituent other than H is alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, alkenyl, aryl, substituted alkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, substituted alkenyl, substituted aryl, a nitrogen containing group, a S containing group, or a carboxy containing group;

Y is a suitable linking group comprising one or more of C, O, N, and S; and

each of $R_3$ and $R_4$ is independently selected from H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl and aryl, wherein at least one of $R_3$ and $R_4$ is H.

69. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 67 wherein the substituent of $R_1$ and $R_2$ that is other than H is a $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, a $C_{1-6}$ cycloalkyl, a $C_{1-6}$ alkenyl, a substituted $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, a substituted $C_{1-6}$ cycloalkyl, a substituted $C_{1-6}$ alkenyl, a substituted aryl, a nitrogen containing group, a S containing group, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms.

70. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 68 wherein the substituent of $R_1$ and $R_2$ that is other than H is a $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, a $C_{1-6}$ cycloalkyl, a $C_{1-6}$ alkenyl, a substituted $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, a substituted $C_{1-6}$ cycloalkyl, a substituted $C_{1-6}$ alkenyl, a substituted aryl, a nitrogen containing group, a S containing group, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms.

71. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 69 wherein the substituent of $R_1$ and $R_2$ that is other than H is a $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, a $C_{1-6}$ alkenyl, a nitrogen containing group, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms.

72. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 70 wherein the substituent of $R_1$ and $R_2$ that is other than H is a $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, a $C_{1-6}$ alkenyl, a nitrogen containing group, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms.

73. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 71 wherein the substituent of $R_1$ and $R_2$ that is other than H is a is selected from $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, $C_{1-6}$ alkenyl, $NO_2$, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms.

74. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 72 wherein the substituent of $R_1$ and $R_2$ that is other than H is a is selected from $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, $C_{1-6}$ alkenyl, $NO_2$, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms.

75. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 73 wherein the substituent of $R_1$ and $R_2$ that is other than H is a $C_3$ alkyl, a $C_3$ alkenyl, $NO_2$, or $H_3CO$.

76. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 74 wherein the substituent of $R_1$ and $R_2$ that is other than H is a $C_3$ alkyl, a $C_3$ alkenyl, $NO_2$, or $H_3CO$.

77. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 67 wherein the substituent of $R_1$ and $R_2$ that is other than H is a alkoxy group.

78. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 68 wherein the substituent of $R_1$ and $R_2$ that is other than H is a alkoxy group.

79. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 77 wherein the substituent of $R_1$ and $R_2$ that is other than H is a methoxy group.

80. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 78 wherein the substituent of $R_1$ and $R_2$ that is other than H is a methoxy group.

81. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 67 wherein the group A/ring B combination contains one or more alkoxy substituents.

82. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 68 wherein the group A/ring B combination contains one or more alkoxy substituents.

83. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 67 wherein each of $R_1$ and $R_2$ is an alkoxy group.

84. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 68 wherein each of $R_1$ and $R_2$ is an alkoxy group.

85. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 83 wherein each of $R_1$ and $R_2$ is a methoxy group.

86. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 85 wherein each of $R_1$ and $R_2$ is a methoxy group.

87. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 67 wherein at least one of $R_3$ and $R_4$ is H.

88. (Previously Presented) The method according to any one of claims 68 wherein each of $R_3$ and $R_4$ is H.

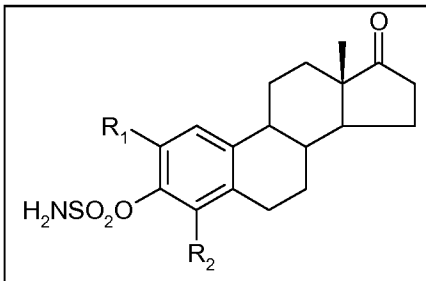
89. (Previously Presented) The method according claim 67 wherein Y is -C(O)-.

90. (Previously Presented) The method according claim 68 wherein Y is -C(O)-.

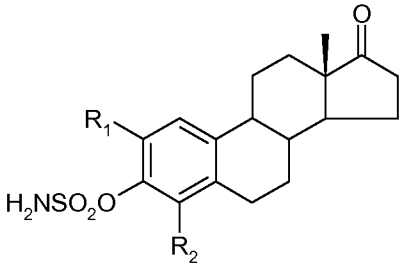
91. (Previously Presented) The method of 68 wherein the endocrine-dependent cancer is breast, ovarian, endometrial, or prostate cancer.

92. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 91 wherein the endocrine-dependent cancer is breast cancer.

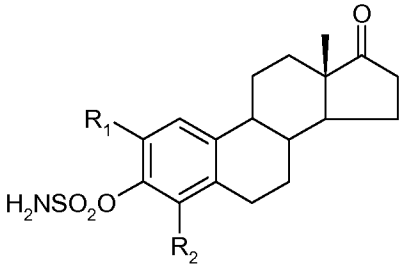
93. (Previously Presented) A method of treating endocrine-dependent cancer comprising administering a non-oestrogenic sulphamate compound suitable for use as an inhibitor of oestrone sulphatase to a patient in need of treatment of endocrine-dependent cancer by a compound lacking oestrogenic activity, wherein the compound has one of Formulae VI - IX



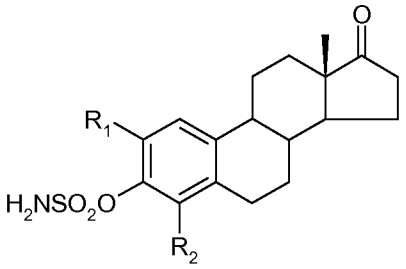

| | $R_1$ | $R_2$ | Formula |
|---|---|---|---|
| a) | n-$CH_2CH_2CH_3$ | H | VI |
| b) | H | n-$CH_2CH_2CH_3$ | |
| c) | n-$CH_2CH_2CH_3$ | n-$CH_2CH_2CH_3$ | |




| | $R_1$ | $R_2$ | Formula |
|---|---|---|---|
| a) | -$CH_2CH=CH_2$ | H | VII |
| b) | H | -$CH_2CH=CH_2$ | |
| c) | -$CH_2CH=CH_2$ | -$CH_2CH=CH_2$ | |



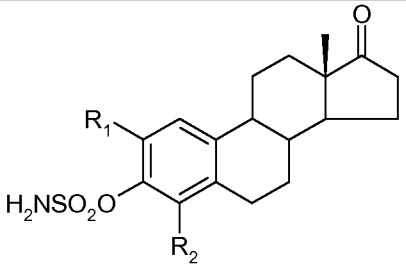

| | $R_1$ | $R_2$ | Formula |
|---|---|---|---|
| a) | $H_3CO$- | H | VIII |
| b) | H | $H_3CO$- | |
| c) | $H_3CO$- | $H_3CO$- | |

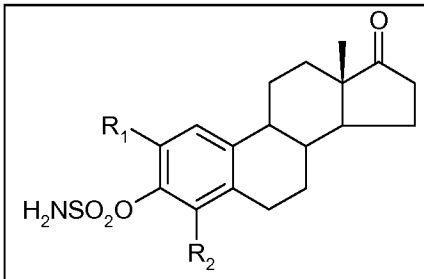
|  | | $R_1$ | $R_2$ | Formula IX |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | a) | $-NO_2$ | H | |
| | b) | H | $-NO_2$ | |
| | c) | $-NO_2$ | $-NO_2$ | |

94. (Previously Presented) The method of 93 wherein the endocrine-dependent cancer is breast, ovarian, endometrial, or prostate cancer.

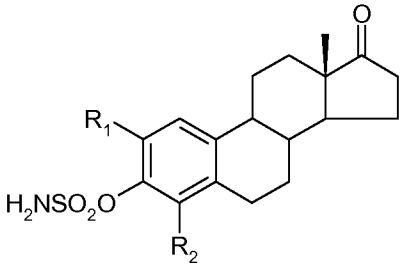
95. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 94 wherein the endocrine-dependent cancer is breast cancer.

96. (Previously Presented) A method of inhibiting steroid sulphatase activity comprising administering a non-oestrogenic sulphamate compound to a patient in need of inhibition of steroid sulphatase activity by a non-oestrogenic sulphamate compound, wherein the compound has one of Formulae VI - IX

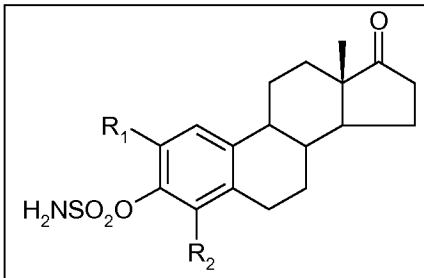
|  | | $R_1$ | $R_2$ | Formula VI |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | a) | n-$CH_2CH_2CH_3$ | H | |
| | b) | H | n-$CH_2CH_2CH_3$ | |
| | c) | n-$CH_2CH_2CH_3$ | n-$CH_2CH_2CH_3$ | |




| | $R_1$ | $R_2$ | Formula |
|---|---|---|---|
| a) | -$CH_2CH=CH_2$ | H | VII |
| b) | H | -$CH_2CH=CH_2$ | |
| c) | -$CH_2CH=CH_2$ | -$CH_2CH=CH_2$ | |




| | $R_1$ | $R_2$ | Formula |
|---|---|---|---|
| a) | $H_3CO$- | H | VIII |
| b) | H | $H_3CO$- | |
| c) | $H_3CO$- | $H_3CO$- | |




| | $R_1$ | $R_2$ | Formula |
|---|---|---|---|
| a) | -$NO_2$ | H | IX |
| b) | H | -$NO_2$ | |
| c) | -$NO_2$ | -$NO_2$ | |